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SECRET SPEECH BY CHURCHILL

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NEW YORK, JAN. 25. THE TEXT OF THE HISTORIC SPEECH MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL AT A SECRET SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON APRIL 23, 1942, WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT SECRET FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS, IS PUBLISHED BY THE "LIFE" MAGAZINE.

REFERRING TO THE FALL OF SINGAPORE, MR. CHURCHILL SAID, ACCORDING TO LIFE, THAT HE DID NOT WONDER THAT REQUESTS WERE MADE FOR AN ENQUIRY BY A ROYAL COMMISSION BUT THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE HAMPERED THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR.

"Australian accounts reflect on Indian troops. Other credible witnesses disparage the Australian troops. Lack of effective

RADAR CONTACT WITH MOON

WASHINGTON, JAN. 25. THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN ARMY SIGNAL CORPS SCIENTIST HAS MADE A RADAR CONTACT WITH THE MOON IN AN EXPERIMENT WHICH PROMISES "VALUABLE RESEARCH AS WELL AS WARTIME APPLICATIONS."

The tests were carried out at the Army Signal Laboratory in Belmar, New Jersey. The first contact with the moon was made on January 10 and had been reported successfully several times.

Using special equipment, pulses of a very high frequency and energy were shot into space at the speed of light and their echoes were detected some one and a half seconds later.

The moon is about 238,857 miles distant. One application might be radio control of long range jet or rocket-propelled missiles circling the earth above the stratosphere.—Associated Press.

CIVILIAN RAID SEQUEL

TOKYO, JAN. 25. THE RECENT RAID BY CIVILIANS ON THE FORMER ARMY ARSENAL IN TOKYO HAS RESULTED IN A GOVERNMENTAL PROMISE TO RATION THE STOCKS OF "CONCEALED GOODS" FOUND IN FUTURE AND A STRONG WARNING AGAINST THEIR SEIZURE BY THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

At a meeting yesterday of Japanese Government officials, action was taken to prevent a recurrence of the incident in which more than 3,000 people helped themselves to goods stored in the Matsushita arsenal.

Kyodo news agency said the official reports showed the goods seized by the mob actually belonged to former workers at the arsenal and it has been arranged to hand the commodities over to the ward office for distribution.—Associated Press.

Guess She Got The Pip!

Chicago, Jan. 25. L. D. Taylor of Newbury, Michigan, didn't want his wife to know he had been promoted to captain until she saw the twin bars on his shoulders.

She was to meet him at a hotel where he had reserved a room for Lieut. and Mrs. L. D. Taylor. She arrived and was assigned room 516.

He arrived soon afterward, registered as Capt. L. D. Taylor and was put in room 808.

It was late next day before anxious hotel clerks, who thought Lieutenant and Captain Taylor were different officers, finally reunited the frantic couple.—Associated Press.

Tantalising War "Mystery" Uncovered

Tokyo, Jan. 25. It seems after all that the Japanese actually were interested in Hawaii's pre-Pearl Harbour chrysanthemums and herring roe. Consequently, American investigators have found, deep in "Yomiuri" newspaper files, the unaccountably simple answer to one of the most tantalising war mysteries presented in the Pearl Harbour case.

When "Yomiuri" telephoned its Honolulu correspondent on Dec. 5, 1941, United States monitors heard what sounded like 20 minutes of suspicious double-talk. Questions of war tensions in Honolulu and the number of sailors on the streets were mingled inexplicably with queries concerning the weather, the quality of liquor and whether flowers were blooming.

It became known as the "famous Doctor Mori telephone conversation," named for the Honolulu physician who answered the call for his wife. "Yomiuri's" correspondent.

The Pearl Harbour report re-

The Spring Fashions

New York, Jan. 25. An era of romantic femininity in dress, of accent on feminine curves and of startlingly revealing styles, is heralded on this month's spring openings in this fashion centre.

The strongest season since the war started is forecast. One prominent designer's collection shows a greater proportion of evening gowns than in years. It stresses pale pastel colours and generally has a nostalgic, romantic air.—Associated Press.

RIOTS PERSIST IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, JAN. 25. THE CITY WAS FACED WITH FURTHER DISORDERS YESTERDAY AFTER A RIOTOUS DAY IN WHICH POLICE DEALT WITH BANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS IN FUTILE EFFORTS TO RESTORE ORDER.

The first outbreak on Thursday occurred when police fired on a crowd following the funeral procession of a Hindu victim of Wednesday's riots. By nightfall tension was growing and the toll of the dead and injured had mounted.

Police said 25 persons were wounded by gunfire during the day.

The All-India Congress is said to have confirmed 14 deaths, three more than the official total. Congress party leaders have repeatedly urged members to avoid violence.

TEXTILE STRIKE
Police shot three times upon a stone-throwing mob yesterday which followed the funeral procession of one of the 11 Hindus killed in the bloody Bombay rioting of Wednesday.

Approximately 175,000 textile workers went on strike in protest against Wednesday's shooting, in which 400 were injured in addition to the fatalities. The violence occurred when police attempted to block a predominantly Hindu procession from parading through a Muslim sector while celebrating the birthday anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose.

EIGHTEEN DEAD
The police said in a bulletin today that the number of dead in the Bombay rioting stands at 18 and reported 12 persons as being wounded in the past 24 hours.

The bulletin said that 21 policemen were injured during this period.

The riot is complicated by "hooligan elements exploiting the situation for purposes of looting," the official report said.—Associated Press.

London, Jan. 25. An informed Swedish source today said that Sweden is in no hurry to join the U.N.O. He said the question may be discussed by the Swedish Parliament in February.—Associated Press.

Imperial Preference HONG KONG FEARS GROUNDLESS

FEARS EXPRESSED RECENTLY IN HONG KONG BY BUSINESSMEN AND MANUFACTURERS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES MAY RESULT IN AN AGREEMENT TO DISCARD IMPERIAL PREFERENCE, ARE GROUNDLESS ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE.

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE WASHINGTON TALKS COVERED MANY PROBLEMS, BOTH ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL, THE DISCUSSIONS WERE PRINCIPALLY CONFINED TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

The British Government has not yet undertaken any actual new obligations, but has merely undertaken to examine the American proposals for new, comprehensive understandings on international trade.

It should also be emphasised that if these proposals do eventually lead to a specific agreement, the intention is only that Preference will be subject to negotiation against equivalent tariff concessions by other countries.

Authoritatively it is believed that the proposals will result in widening of the preferential market rather than contribute to its abolition, with consequent additional benefits to Hong Kong.

Certainly no decision will be reached without considering its effect on the commercial interest of the colonies, and they have, in fact, already been consulted with this in view.

NOT PREJUDICED
It seems, therefore, highly improbable that any general disappearance of preference would result from such negotiations.

Even if the unlikely were to happen, it is possible that owing to the changes in world prices, many industries developed themselves in a sound competitive position even though lacking protection.

It has also to be remembered that should preferences be reduced or abolished in such a way as to have a serious effect on particular colonial industries, it would still be open to the British Government to give equivalent help in other ways.

The indications are that whatever agreement is finally reached in these matters between the United Kingdom and the United States, it will not prejudice in any way the future commercial and industrial development of Hong Kong.

INTELLIGENT NEIGHBOUR POLICY

London, Jan. 25. Lord Vansittart yesterday urged Britain to take the immediate lead in establishing a western Continental group of nations to match Russia's sphere of eastern Europe and the United States influence in South America.

The former permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office said this was a British "intelligent neighbour" policy and added "why Russia has opposed this western integration is a mystery."

Vansittart referred also to "American opposition" to the western European bloc, declaring "every sane American knows Western Europe was a bastion of American defence in two great wars."—Associated Press.

R.A.F. STRIKE WARNING
London, Jan. 25. The "strikes" by Royal Air Force personnel in India, Ceylon, Egypt and Palestine to protest against slow demobilisations, are the subject of a warning by the British Air Ministry today.

The statement says: "Serious breaches of discipline such as those which have done harm to the good name of the R.A.F. in the past few days have the serious disapproval of His Majesty's Government and will not be tolerated."

SINGAPORE STARTS A STOP BUYING CAMPAIGN

AMERICANS HONOUR LORD FRASER

Washington, Jan. 25. The United States Navy Department today announced the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Admiral Lord Bruce Fraser, Commander of the British Pacific Fleet, who was created a Baron in the New Year's Honours list.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE, JAN. 25. BLACK MARKET PRICES—FOR SINGAPORE LIKE EVERY OTHER WAR STRICKEN COUNTRY HAS A BLACK MARKET—ARE EASING HERE, ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLY, PERHAPS, BUT YET DEFINITELY.

AS SUPPLIES ARRIVE IN INCREASING QUANTITIES AND MORE EFFECTIVE PRICE CONTROLS ARE INSTITUTED, OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAKING "EASY MONEY" DIMINISH. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 30,000 AND 40,000 PEOPLE, WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE EMPLOYED ON CONSTRUCTIVE WORK, ARE STILL OPERATING FOOD AND OTHER STALLS IN SINGAPORE.

Many observers here believe that bold action by the Government and a reasonable determination in the part of the public could smash the black market at once, or at least deal it such a shattering blow that it would no longer be a major hindrance to the return to normal.

Whether that is true or not, what is certain is that increasing quantities of supplies are becoming available. The authorities have stated that 2,000 tons of flour, 7,000 tons of sugar and large quantities of milk and meat are on the way, and will be available for distribution in the near future. They also promise that the prices of these supplies will be controlled and distribution will not be haphazard.

INFLATION PROBLEM
Inflation is still a major problem. A public which suffered the meteoric inflation that brought the dollar into disrepute in the last months of the Japanese occupation, has not yet lost its attitude of "let's buy something before it depreciates further." Rising prices and shortage of all consumer goods have furthered rather than killed this attitude.

There was—and still is—too much money about. It is a matter of speculation what way some categories of manual labour are earning to-day; but it is known that as much as ten, and even twelve dollars a day have been asked, and paid for the services of a labourer.

In an attempt to combat this exorbitant rise in prices, the authorities have inaugurated a "stop buying" campaign among the population. If the public, which has learned to do without for four years, is urged to wait a little longer, shopkeepers and others, who have goods for sale, will be forced to sell at prices more in line with the real value of their wares. The Services are being asked to co-operate in this campaign.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC MURDER TRIAL SCENE

LONDON, JAN. 25. A MAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE USED THE MONEY STOLEN FROM HIS VICTIM TO PAY FOR A HOLIDAY WITH A MARRIED WOMAN, HEARD THE STABBED MAN'S WIDOW CRY: "YOU MURDERER. YOU MURDERED MY HUSBAND."

Then friends helped her from the court room at Northwich, Cheshire.

Harold Berry of Ledward Street, Winsford, Cheshire, charged with murdering Bernard Phillips, Manchester money-lender's agent, was identified by a London hotel receptionist as having booked a double room on the day that Phillips' body was found. He signed the registration form in his own name and the woman signed as "Irene Berry."

The prosecution declared that Berry had spent two nights at the hotel with Mrs. Irene Wynn of Station Road, Winsford and that the money he spent in London includes two five-pound notes which Phillips had drawn from his office. It was also alleged that the dead man's wallet and cigarette lighter were found on Berry.

Berry, who pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence was committed for trial at Chester Assizes.—Reuter.

NEW 10-CENT NOTE FOR H.K.

A NEW HONG KONG 10 CENT NOTE IS TO COME INTO CIRCULATION TO-DAY. THE NOTES ARE PRINTED ONLY ON ONE SIDE AND ARE NOT NUMBERED.

In design they are similar, though not in detail, to the current \$1 note and are horizontally slightly longer and vertically slightly shorter than the present 10-cent note.

Printing was by Waterlow & Sons of London, and the notes bear the signature of the former Financial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Butt.

The notes were printed during the war in preparation for the re-occupation of the Colony. Notes were printed also in one-cent and five-cent denominations but these are not being released concurrently.

The issue of new notes was necessitated by the present shortage of small change, a phenomenon common every year to the fortnight preceding the New Year celebrations.

The Chinese have a custom of "gai si" or presentation at New Year in little red envelopes of a small sum of money from married people to the bachelor and spinster.

The sum enclosed varies with the financial status of the person presenting it, but few Chinese brush aside the custom, even if the presentation is necessarily limited to only ten cents.

Consequently, in the period before the eve of Chinese New Year ten-cent notes are usually hoarded and there is always a shortage.

CHINA'S PURCHASE OF MERCHANT SHIPS
San Francisco, Jan. 25. The "Call-Bulletin" said it learned China has purchased from the United States ten N-8 type vessels for the merchant marine and said the purchase price was \$4,325,000.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER
To-day's forecast:—Moist, easterly winds, cloudy. Mild. Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum—78 degrees at 3 p.m. Minimum—63 degrees at 6 a.m.

CHINA EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 25. In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said that he was aware of the headway to the United Kingdom's trade with China due to the absence of a fixed rate of exchange, and hoped that a rate in accordance with economic realities will soon be fixed.—Reuter.

Dr. T.V. Soong Arriving in H.K. To-Day

DR. T. V. SOONG, WHO HAS ARRIVED IN CANTON FROM SHANGHAI ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION OF REHABILITATION WORK IN KWANGTUNG, WILL BE COMING TO HONG KONG BY SPECIAL PLANE THIS MORNING.

Accompanying Dr. Soong is an entourage of about a dozen high officials, and his mission is said to be connected with the taking over of war materials and supplies surrendered by the Japanese.

Representatives of the Kuomintang, Sam Min Chu I Youth Association, Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other organizations as well as prominent citizens will be at Kai Tak to receive the distinguished visitor.

Among other plans to welcome Dr. Soong will be a public reception at King's Theatre tomorrow, followed by a dinner in the evening at the Cafe de Chine.

TRUCE TEAM IN FATAL SMASH

Peking, Jan. 25. Two members of a Chinese truce team were killed and nine members of the travelling party were injured yesterday near Gagan when the truck in which they were riding rolled over an embankment.

Among the injured was Frankie P. Han, veteran Associated Press Pulitzer Prize winner photographer of war front photography without fear, who had had numerous close brushes with death in three years ever having been injured.—Associated Press.

Impatience Showing In Chungking

(By Doon Campbell).

CHUNGKING, JAN. 25. GROWING IMPATIENCE WITH THE LACK OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CHAMBERS IS BEING EXPRESSED IN MANY SECTIONS OF THE CHUNGKING PRESS.

THE INDEPENDENT "TA KUNG PAO" SUMMED UP: "NOT ONE SINGLE CONCRETE RESULT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED."

So far, there has been the most liberal exchange of views among the delegates at the Political Consultative Conference, but never a vote, never a serious facing up to the fact that a decision one way or the other must be reached.

There is still speculation over the prospects of a Government reshuffle. There are all sorts of suggested switches, promotions and droppings.

Some speculators name Dr. T. V. Soong as a Presidential envoy with a world or United Nations assignment. Others have the Premier as ambassador to the United States.

HO-YING-CHING
They suggest General Chiang, Governor of Szechwan,

leading Government negotiator in the recent Kuomintang-Communist peace parleys and one of the Generalissimo's right hand men, as the next Premier on the ground that he is trusted by, and would be acceptable to the Communists.

Dr. Wellington Koo is another conjecture nominee for the United States ambassadorship.

The prophets have General Ho Ying-ching, former War Minister and at present Commander-in-Chief, out. He has been a principal target for Communist attack ever since the Japanese surrender.

More than a dozen times Yennan has charged that General Ho is out to "liquidate" the liberated areas and annihilate the Communists.—Reuter.

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Dr. T.V. Soong

The arrival in Hong Kong today of Dr. T. V. Soong, China's distinguished Prime Minister marks an occasion that will give deep pleasure to every section of the community. Our welcome will be the warmer since it must be nearly twenty years since T. V. was last in the Colony, and the intervening years have seen a steady enhancement of his prestige and of respect and esteem for a statesman, who even then, as the Finance Minister, was already recognised as enormously competent and the most brilliant financier China has ever produced. It is particularly auspicious that His Excellency should arrive on the eve of Victory New Year celebrations in Hong Kong which the Chinese community are determined to observe with festivities on a scale never before equalled, as Dr. Soong is not only China's victory premier, but, of all politicians, he is the one with the most consistent honourable record of opposition to Japanese aggression. In all the vicissitudes which beset the country from 1931 onwards, T. V. never once faltered in his conviction that there could be no policy but all out resistance. To Westerners, of course, he is still best known for his magnificent work in the Finance Ministry, for in a period of nine years of arduous labour, he completely revolutionised China's finances, put them on a sound and solid basis, and did much to eliminate graft and corruption in administration, against which he has at all times fought as unequivocally as against the Japanese invader. Moreover, although T. V. has appeared but little in the recent negotiations in Chungking for unification of the country and the liberalising of the government, his work in that direction has been highly influential. In his speech to the closing session of the Fourth People's Political Council some months ago, he foreshadowed the entire reorganisation of the government, and he has closely identified himself with those currents of opinion in favour of the creation of a true democracy. His tenure of high office, too, has always been marked by the maintenance of cordial relations with the Western democracies, based upon personal acquaintance with their political and social systems, and it is not too much to hope, therefore, that his visit to Hong Kong will conduce to the further cementing of happy relations between this Colony and China, and between the British and the Chinese peoples.

NINE MONTHS FOR DAIRY FARM RAID

In Tso Sang, charged with stealing from the Kowloon branch of the Dairy Farm, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Latimer to nine months' hard labour.

Accused, who had claimed to be a minor, was examined at Kowloon Hospital and found to be over 16.

Inspector Bethell told the court that accused and three others not in custody stole over \$3,000 worth of goods from the Dairy Farm. The goods were removed to a demolished house and later transported to accused's house in Hailphong Road. Altogether \$2,100 worth of goods was recovered.

The Australian War Graves Commission has requested the Royal Navy for permission and passage for a party of one officer, one Chinese interpreter and seven other ranks to proceed to Hailphong for the purpose of recovering the bodies of 37 Allied personnel.

The Hainan Chinese with a number of representatives from Australia, New Zealand and the United States, are now in Hong Kong.

Readers' Letters

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Sir—We who are visiting this city have remarked with interest and, it must be confessed, not a little amusement both the eulogies of Miss B. Chan and the mournful eulogies of Omnia Vincit Labor, and we therefore feel it our duty to take up a pen in defence of the lighter side of life.

Would it interest you to know, O.V.L., what your views are shared by large numbers of well meaning persons in the United Kingdom, the home of austerity?

Many were those who said: "This is no time for pleasure—how should we dance when Europe is in flames and England's turn may come to-morrow? A truce to this escapism, but aside these irrelevancies, face realities."

Do you know, O.V.L., we did face realities. We accepted our share of blood and tears without question, but our cinema remained open and Bing and Frank crooned to bigger, better and more appreciative audiences. Even at the time when our newspapers were almost filled by news of wars and rumours of wars, there was always room for a cartoon and controversy was not limited to political subjects.

In reference to your remarks concerning the wars in China, Indo-China and Indonesia, we would gladly settle them, or make an attempt to settle them had we the opportunity, but with us we would take our pin-up photographs, our gramophones and our packs of playing cards.

Yes, Miss Chan, by all means let us pay tribute to these entertainers who have helped and will continue to help to make life tolerable in these difficult times, they have earned our gratitude whether they be crowned classical musicians, professionals, or those gifted amateurs who entertain us at our own ship's concerts.

Remember Paderewski O.V.L.? How I wonder will the people of Czechoslovakia think of him in years to come, as a great Premier or as a brilliant pianist?

No, O.V.L., not all your pedantic phraseology, not all your useful alteration will persuade me that your maxim of "All Work and No Play" is anything but the most ardent foolishness.

GAUDEAMUS IGITUR.

MISS CHAN COMES BACK

Sir—Thanks very much for the publication of my letter "Bing or Frank?" I must also take this opportunity to thank and congratulate you on your very splendid and sensible editorial "Light Relief."

It sums up very neatly the essence of the present situation. And now as regards the letter "Felicities." More than Bing or Frank is now at stake. A way of living is challenged. To this I must answer.

There is a deplorable tendency now-a-days for people to go-moaning about looking like the Sorrows of Werther, and chanting to the tune of Life is real. Life is earnest. To wit the song "Omnia Vincit Labor."

There is a saying that imagination was made to compensate for what we are not, and humour for what we are. Democracy and humour go hand in hand. They both, in the final analysis, mean tolerance, and are the first qualifications for achieving a Federation of the World, a Brotherhood of Men—in short a better world (O.V.L. please note).

OMNIA VINCIT HUMOR.

P.S. I hope the Two Sane (?) Servicemen and Abbie (Frankie's pimple)—how dare he! will, at least, as far as this letter is concerned, see eye to eye with me.

CLASS OF HIS OWN

Sir—Just a gentle protest from four members of the stronger sex, who alas are not strong enough to endure Frank, sorry, Frankie Sinatra, without breaking out into a rash and commencing to gnaw the furniture in frantic despair that such beings are permitted to penetrate themselves and their walkings on what would otherwise be quite a pleasant and jolly little world. He is absolutely soulless to class Frankie with Bing, he (the said Frankie) is undoubtedly in a class of his very little own, class his little cotton socks, i.e. fifth rate crooner, with, unfortunately, a 1st class publicity agent.

To adapt Bing's saying—"You get one in a lifetime, but please Frankie, why did it have to be ours?"

In conclusion, we four promise to give a good imitation of Frankie, we also promise to "day on" the Eau-de-Cologne.

FOUR BINGOTES.

IRISH STATUS

Sir—Here in the answer to the argument. An Irishman from Fire is not a British subject and has nothing to do with the British Commonwealth as Fire is a free state.

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HIS OWN THOUGHTS

Sir—May I crave your indulgence to criticize the letter entitled "Bing or Frank?" written by Miss B. Chan and also announce a few thoughts of my own on this vital question.

I have been a keen student of Mr. T. Literature for some time now and in all my hours of study on the works of contemporaries and in scanning the columns of any journal, I have never read such absolute balderdash and piffle written so absolutely incoherently and in such abysmal ignorance of fact.

In her quest to rain coverts to her way of thinking, Miss Chan has acquired a conglomerate of awkward words and discoloured phrases which are intended no doubt to lend colour to her one-sided fact, but in reality only succeeding in making the English language appear most distasteful. "Discrimination" and "exploitation" are lovely words, but surely they are not applicable to the forces which elected Bing the world's most popular crooner. Are you really sincere, Miss Chan, when you accuse the American people of being undemocratic, false and fickle. We are living in an enlightened era where such a thing as racial prejudice only exists as the ferment of a warped imagination.

Have you Miss Chan ever heard Bing sing the "Ave Maria," "White Xmas" or "Swinging on a Star." What a contrast of types. But how exquisitely Bing's voice blends to suit each one. He doesn't need to have women and girls to swoon to get by. Frankie is a grand "one type of song" singer. Bing is a grand "any type of song" vocalist.

One last fact, Bing has just been named the movie box leader for 1945.

F. HICKMAN.

SICK AT HEART

Sir—Will you please give space to this attempt to clear the good name of Bing Crosby, so harshly criticised by Miss Chan in your issue of January 22. It's impossible for me to believe that Sinatra pathos has been demonstrated here to the extent Miss Chan suggests.

Editor, etc. these hysterical outbursts now while there is still hope for us. Or are we to see such spectacles as this in Queen's Road: girls queuing at midnight to be able to book a seat in the cinema, to see a performance, sitting through the whole day's performance of the swooning heart throb, girls waiting Sinatra bow-ties, etc. etc. and shivering.

Frankie: Forming swan clubs and heaping adulation on his awful mediocre voice.

Miss Chan asks: Have you heard Frankie sing "Dynamite." Don't you think it's about time Miss Chan woke up and listened to someone who doesn't need hysterical adolescent teen-agers and a background of beautiful singing girls to bolster up his voice, publicity and no doubt his bank notes.

I refer to Bing Crosby—still the tone—and I am pleased to see your honest paper only to-day, published that very fact. How many of us in Hong Kong—recognise the voice of Bing Crosby? Undoubtedly, all the radio public—but of anyone recognises the pathetic voice of Frankie Sinatra? I doubt it, very much so.

Bing, may you never leave us, for never will there be another Bing. Frankie may come and go, but Bing you must have on for ever.

Miss Chan makes me sick at heart. I never thought a girl in my own city could have the audacity to berate the illustrious Bing Crosby. She says she wants to part Frankie's hair and tenderly dab Eau-de-Cologne on his forehead—Bobbysox. Why we have a far better sounding right here, not does Miss Chan want to do the same to him? Is she guilty of the undemocratic spirit of racial discrimination. I'm referring now to the sailor who sings for the great Royal Navy, Ivor Pyle, the singing sailor.

Miss Chan, in the absence of our great Bing, listen to Ivor Pyle and ponder on the future broken disc bowl of Frankie.

Can you imagine, sir, bobbysoxers here in the bottled moonlight. Please help me to convince the people of Hong Kong we are not all suffering from Sinatra-mania.

POO SHIN.

DEGRADING AND ABSURD

Sir—Your editorial of 24th January completely disregards the main argument propounded by "Omnia Vincit Labor."

It is obvious that "Omnia Vincit Labor" is not concerned that people should sing and dance, but that they should sing and dance in a way that is degrading and absurd.

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Girl Goes into Hiding

Manila, Jan. 25.
Doctor Paz Fara, pretty young Manila woman physician, over whose affection Put. George Oll was slain last October, is in hiding, it was reported yesterday. Members of her family said she had received anonymous letters since the trial of Doctor Isakla Noble who was sentenced to life imprisonment last Friday after his conviction for the murder. Associated Press.

Her many friends in China, who hear with regret of the passing of Sir James Jamieson, K.C.M.G., F.R.C.S., born in 1867, Sir James came out to China in the beginning of 1886. After service in Tientsin and Shanghai he went for the first time in 1890 to Canton, where he was to spend so much of his career. He later went to Szamow, the newly opened Treaty Port in the South Yunnan and during that period was attached to the first Burma-China Frontier Delimitation Commission in 1898 and then opened the Consulate at Tengyueh. He was then appointed Commercial Attaché and for a short while was Acting Consul-General at Shanghai. From there he proceeded to the Transvaal, as the Superintendent of Foreign Labour, for two years. At this time, of course, there were big numbers of Chinese working in the gold mines. He returned to China as Commercial Attaché in 1908 and shortly afterwards was appointed to the rank of Consul-General and sent to Canton, where he remained, for what is probably a record for China, for 17 years. In 1923 he was made a K.C.M.G. and finally, for his last few years, he was Consul-General at Tientsin, from which post he retired at the end of 1923 having been asked by the Secretary of State to continue for two or three years just the normal retiring age.

After his retirement he left China very ill, but soon recovered and appeared to have a new lease of life. In 1933 he returned to China for a short visit and included in the tour a few days at Nanking, which was his birthplace. For many years thereafter he was a familiar figure in the Thatched House Club and was always pleased to see his old friends and to hear the latest news from China.

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After he had inspected the ground of honour provided by Kennedy Force and Commissioner Gurney, His Excellency accompanied by Brigadier D. H. MacDougall, C.M.G., Col. C. H. Sansom, Commissioner of Police, Superintendent Tso Tien-on, Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police, Major Sirling, M.C., Capt. Burgess, Capt. Tison, Chief Inspector (H.K.) MacEwan, and Inspector Fong and B. S. M. Fooks, of the school, visited the building where the men were receiving training and instruction.

The first place visited was the gymnasium where a number of probationary sub-inspectors were undergoing revolver training under Inspector Hau. His Excellency was pleased with the performance of a squad of sub-inspectors at drill in the compound near by.

After this the various classes which covered first aid instruction, Police procedure, physical training and the legal side, under Mr. E. Smith of the Civil Affairs Legal Branch, were inspected. His Excellency spent a short time in each class speaking to the instructors or students.

He also visited the dormitories and dining halls.

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Being Used By Both Factions

(By James D. White).

(Associated Press Staff Writer).

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TO THE EXTENT THAT SOME OF THEM ARE STILL ARMED, THEY REPRESENT TO-DAY FIVE MONTHS AFTER THEIR COUNTRY SURRENDERED—AN IMPORTANT MILITARY FACTOR IN CHINA. THEY INFLUENCE THE POLITICAL SITUATION TO AN UNDETERMINED EXTENT EITHER THROUGH THEIR OWN ACTIONS OR THROUGH BEING USED BY ONE POLITICAL FACTION AGAINST ANOTHER.

When Japan surrendered, the Chinese National Government alone was not in a position to handle the question. Parts of North China were dominated by Chinese Communists, and American marines were sent into key cities and along vital communication lines to maintain order when factional strife broke out between Communists and the Central Government.

Limited numbers of Central Government troops then were flown to advance points to take over, but they still had no ships or other means of getting Japanese out. In many instances they left Japanese garrisons armed and charged them with maintaining order—which meant holding their particular area against Communists. They are still doing this job in the interior of Shantung province, to name one.

Mostly, Japanese withheld surrender until it could be accepted by Central Government officers. But some Japanese elements—possibly out of their ingrained habit of causing as much confusion as possible in China—allowed some families and arms to fall into Communist hands, although apparently not much.

45,000 IN SHANSI
Actually, the Japanese held a potentially critical balance of power in this situation. That is why American Marines were sent in—to assist in disarming and repatriating Japanese troops," as the State Department puts it.

An Associated Press correspondent, Spencer Davis, cabled from Peiping to-day, the following figures on repatriation to date in two areas:

From the Peiping area, 55,048 troops and 16,086 civilians have been repatriated but 9,567 troops and 104,380 civilians remain.

From the remote Shansi province, 2,809 troops and 10,462 civilians have been sent home but 45,015

U.S. Seizure Of Factories

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Truman yesterday said that workers would return at their old wages when the government seizes the meat packing industry on Saturday but whether any of the 263,000 strikers would work for government was still uncertain.

He also said that steel workers would return at the old wages if the industry was eventually seized. He added that both management and labor had too much power and said much of the labor strife was merely a try for power. He declared it was necessary for the government to assert itself and the power of the people.

Asked about the proposal put forward by Benjamin Fairless, steel company executive, that a Conference be arranged between President and all strike bound companies, Truman said he was always ready to talk with business leaders but that the best thing Fairless could do would be to send word that he accepted the White House proposal for settling the strike.—Associated Press.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The British Army disclosed to-day that 44 airfields in the British occupied zone in Germany were being planned for farm land use.—Associated Press.

Epidemic

Yenan, Jan. 25.—An epidemic of cerebral spinal meningitis continued to spread here as the authorities awaited urgently needed vaccines of penicillin. Two out of 20 Chinese who contracted the disease have died.

The authorities here said they would welcome assistance of the Red Cross and the United States Army.—Associated Press.

America Playing Ball With Franco

Washington, Jan. 25.—The State Department to-day disclosed it has approved the sale of 12 rather than five transport planes to the Spanish Government airline. This makes a total of 17 planes which have been allocated to airlines in Spain and Argentina.

Officials said that the planes were being allocated to Spain for business reasons. Britain will sell "once to the Spanish Iberian Airline if the United States does not," they said. The sale of planes now, they added, should help persuade Spanish and other airlines to standardize with American aircraft thus benefiting United States manufacturers.—Associated Press.

Putting Nazi Brains To Work

Washington, Jan. 25.—German scientists brought to the United States last autumn who can tell what they know about such things as rocket atoms are being quizzed in United States research centres.

The United States War Department refuses to amplify the announcement last October which said that certain German scientists were being brought here. Doctor S. A. Goussard, American scientist, declared it was well known that other German scientists "were finding employment in the Russian zone" and that others were working in factories and laboratories in the French and British zones.—Associated Press.

PACIFIC RELEASES

Honolulu, Jan. 25.—Army enlisted men in the mid-Pacific theatre who will have 46 points or 30 months' service by April 30 will be homeward bound by Feb. 28, according to an announcement by mid-Pacific headquarters to-day.

Those who will have 40 points or 24 months' service by June 30 will be eligible for release on May 1.—Associated Press.

Military Currency In Japan

WASHINGTON, JAN. 25.—THE STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT MILITARY CURRENCY IS BEING USED IN JAPAN AND KOREA.

Denominated in Yen and Sen, the currency supplements the local tender currency which consists of the State notes of Japan and the Bank of Japan and the Bank of Chosen.

The supplemental currency and the local tender is interchangeable at the rate of one for one. The Japanese Military Yen scrip is declared illegal. No rate of exchange between the American military Yen and the Dollar has been established, but for military, naval and accounting purposes, the initial conversion rate is 15 supplemental military Yen to one American Dollar in the Japanese Empire and Korea.—Associated Press.

Time For U.N.O. Action

Washington, Jan. 25.—Former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen, addressing the Women's National Press Club here, suggested a United Nations Investigating Committee to go to Iran, Indonesia and Greece.

He said: "It is time that the U.N.O. go into action" and added that the United States should take the leadership in contributing to U.N.O. consideration of the problems mentioned.

"U.N.O. has been refusing to let the U.N.O. consider problems of this kind is a leftover of isolationism," he said, adding that "it is long past the time that the U.N.O. should propose to the U.N.O. specific terms of what it intends to do with specific islands in the Pacific relative to our national security. The people of the United States and the world have a right to know."—Associated Press.

National Defence Plea

Los Angeles, Jan. 25.—The appointment of a non-partisan commission to draft plans for national defence in the light of the atomic bomb and the world political situation was yesterday proposed by Senator Donald B. Fraser, President of Standard University.

"I do not believe," Mr. Fraser said, "that our military leaders alone should be entrusted with such decisions." He criticized the military for offering only universal military training as a means of defence.

On the proposed commission, Fraser said: "Military, diplomatic and legislative establishments should have authoritative representation. So should industry and education."

HARRIMAN LEAVES
Moscow, Jan. 25.—U.S. Ambassador Averell Harriman departed by plane for Washington yesterday via the Orient after conferring with Generalissimo Stalin and Foreign Minister Molotov.

Harriman expects to confer with General George C. Marshall, perhaps Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and then fly to Tokyo to confer with the Supreme Allied Commander General Douglas MacArthur.

He expects to visit Korea and talk with American commanders and diplomats and give details on the decisions of the Big Three Foreign Ministers in Moscow.—Associated Press.

G.I. ACQUITTED

Houston, Texas, Jan. 25.—Forty-year-old Albert Hill, former rifleman with the 84th Infantry Division in Europe, was yesterday found innocent on assault charges on the Chairman of his draft board.

Hill admitted striking the draft board Chairman but said he did so in self-defence. He said he did not work instructions about his position in the army because "I took pride in the fact that I was enlisted."—Associated Press.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Jerusalem, Jan. 25.—Tel Aviv has been declared out of bounds except to the British police on duty after a Jewish terrorist organization had circulated leaflets threatening retaliation for detention of large numbers of Palestine Jews in Egypt.—Associated Press.

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UNRRA Help To China Limited

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A total of three million dollars of U.N.R.R.A. funds is being disbursed on behalf of the Philippines, while China is receiving the largest single U.N.R.R.A. budget totalling \$877,000,000.

U.N.R.R.A. heads indicated that war damage legislation before Congress on behalf of the Philippines totalling about \$600,000,000 must meet the island needs.

It added that it believed that the aid already destined to China will prove the utmost the country can absorb in the coming year.

The U.N.R.R.A., whose greatest single effort now centres in China is planning to hold a conference

Persian Crisis Takes New Turn

LONDON, JAN. 25.—THE INTERNAL CRISIS IN PERSIA HAS AGAIN TAKEN A NEW TURN. IT SEEMS CERTAIN NOW THAT WHATEVER GOVERNMENT IS FORMED IN TEHRAN TO SUCCEED THAT OF IBRAHIM HAKIMI, IT WILL BE NO MORE THAN TRANSITORY.

IN THE MEANTIME, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE NEW SOVIET POLICY IN THE NORTH IS IN FULL SWING.

The major developments indicate that it is a democratic policy, and it may be assumed that this is not opposed by the Russians, virtually to detach Azerbaijan for the time being. The announcement from Tabriz that Azerbaijan will make its own foreign trade arrangements means that in future the bulk of the surplus produce of this richest province of Persia will go north to Russia rather than to feed any supply the Persian capital, which has been entirely dependent on the north.

This is no new development. It has been going on quietly since Russian occupation troops took over the northern provinces and abolished the Persian customs for goods coming Russia or going there.

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The Hong Kong Brewery & Distillery Ltd., Dina House, 5, Duddell Street.	The Blue Peter, K.L.L. 542, Nathan Road.
Mr. Choi Cho Chiu, 54, 56 & 58, Lockhart Road.	The New York Cafe, 54, 56 & 58, Lockhart Road.
Mr. Tsai Tung Ting, 88, 90 & 92, Lockhart Road.	The London Cafe, 88, 90 & 92, Lockhart Road.
The Hong Kong Brewery & Distillery Ltd., Dina House, 5, Duddell Street.	The Neptune, 37 & 39, Hennessy Road.
Mr. W. A. Zimmerman, Room 214, Gloucester Bldg.	The Black Dog Inn, 37-39, Hennessy Road.

RESTAURANT ADJUNCT LICENCES

Mr. Leo Landau, Jimmy's Kitchen, China Building.	Jimmy's Kitchen, 20, Har Kow Road.
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HOTEL KEEPERS' ADJUNCT LICENCES

Chan Chuck Yin, 3, Canal Road, Wanchai.	The Luk Kwok Hotel, 67-77, Gloucester Road.
Tai Tung Pui, 7, Gap Road.	The Shan Kwong Hotel, 1, Shan Kwong Road.

C. H. SANSOM, Commissioner of Police, Licensing Officer.

January, 1946.

Gen. Short Produces Surprises

Washington, Jan. 25. Major-General Walter G. Short, Army Commander in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack, yesterday surprised the Congressional Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee twice. He said that Major-General Sherman Miles, assistant Chief of Staff for the Military Intelligence had sent a message to Panama two days before Pearl Harbor indicating he did not believe a break with Japan was imminent.

Short asserted also that Major-General Haynes Kroner, Chief of the Intelligence branch under Miles did not have access to decoded Japanese messages although he helped to prepare estimates of probable military developments.

Short offered these items to support his contention that the War Department fully realized that his command was only alert only against sabotage and was satisfied with this in full. —Associated Press.

R.A.F. SQUADRON MOVES BY ROAD

H.Q. Air Command, S.E. Asia, Jan. 24.

Air and ground crews of 684 (Mosquito) Squadron, R.A.F., today reached the half-way stage in the long road journey from Saigon to Bangkok. The first night they spent on the banks of the Mekong River and the entire convoy crossed safely by ferry the following day. They are now outside the danger zone where armed bands might have attacked them.

The convoy of 30 lorries is guarded by French machine guns and is in touch by wireless with Squadron Intelligence Officers at Saigon. Aircraft are being flown direct to Bangkok.

MacA. Knew More About Jap. Plans

WASHINGTON, JAN. 25. MAJOR-GENERAL WALTER SHORT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY IN HAWAII AT THE TIME OF THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK, ASSERTED YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR, IN THE PHILIPPINES, HAD MUCH MORE SECRET INFORMATION ABOUT JAPANESE INTENTIONS LATE IN 1941 THAN HE HAD AS COMMANDER IN HAWAII. HE CONTESTED BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR'S PROMPT EXTENSION OF AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AFTER THE NOVEMBER 27 WARNING MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON WAS DICTATED BY THE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Short reminded the Committee that it was the Navy's job to conduct distant aerial searches in the Hawaiian area. He added that General MacArthur had got a great deal of information from the interception of Japanese messages.

Building Up New Chinese Navy

(By Richard Cushing).

SHANGHAI, JAN. 25. CHINA'S TOP ADMIRAL, CHEN SHAO-KWAN, WEARS SIX STARS AS THE INSIGNIA FOR HIS RANK — ONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER ADMIRAL IN THE WORLD.

THE NAVY UNDER HIS COMMAND FACES THE PROSPECT OF RAPID GROWTH NOW. WITH BRITISH AND AMERICAN AID, BUT UNTIL RECENTLY THE NAVY WAS DOWN TO JUST ABOUT ONE SHIP FOR EACH OF THE ADMIRAL'S STARS.

It wasn't always that way. Hundreds of years ago the Chinese navy had so many ships that they could be chained together to form a sea blockade 200 miles long. But they were wooden junk.

That was back in the Han Dynasty and the Three Kingdoms Dynasty, when three warlords were fighting one another on sea and land.

The modern Chinese navy began to take shape after the opium war of 1842. China built dockyards and a naval training station.

It suffered a sharp setback several decades later when the Empress Tze Shi took taxes earmarked for the navy and built a summer palace at Peking.

After the 1911 Chinese Revolution the navy obtained ships from Japan, Britain and Germany and eventually floated a fleet of 20 vessels, including several cruisers.

In 1937 the navy had 63 ships, including five cruisers; total tonnage, 44,000 tons.

YANGTZE TACTICS

The fleet was destroyed—except for six small vessels—in three blockade operations on the Yangtze River in 1937 and 1938. These blockades were more or less delaying actions, and were costly in men and ships, but prevented the Japanese from sending invasion forces into the interior aboard transport ships.

Firstly, all five cruisers were lost just below Nanking. Small craft were purposely sunk in the river and the cruisers lined up behind this barrier. The blockade was effective until Japanese aircraft.

WANTS JAP SHIPS

Soon there will be more than 20 ships, but nothing heavier than a gunboat, in the Chinese navy. Some are being raised from the river bottom by the Japanese and turned over to China. Others are gifts from Britain, the United States and France. At least one American gunboat, the Tutuila, is now in Chinese hands.

China wants a seaworthy navy. Gunboats are all right for the Yangtze but they aren't built for the sea, so China wouldn't mind taking over some of Japan's ships.

Lt.-Comdr. B. C. (Charles) Ling, Admiral Chen's Liaison Officer, puts it this way:

"We understand that Japan's remaining aircraft carriers, battleships and smaller warships are going to be sunk in the demobilization programme. We feel that's bad."

"These ships should be given to China in part repayment for what Japan has done to us." —Associated Press.

McNutt Misquoted

Manila, Jan. 25. U.S. High Commissioner Paul McNutt today declared that statements of the Manila press had "completely misinterpreted" his message to President Truman urging the passage of the Bell bill in which he said Philippines were "politically split between loyalists and enemy collaborators."

Philippine Congressmen retorted that if there were so many collaborators then the Philippines was underving of American assistance. Another Filipino charged McNutt to name the collaborators.

McNutt answered that the whole point in his message to Truman was to emphasize the need for action on economic rehabilitation of the Philippines. —Associated Press.

STRIKE VOTE

New York, Jan. 24. Striking members of the C.I.O. United Packinghouse workers in New York yesterday voted against returning to work even if the Government seized the plants, unless they are ordered to do so by officials of the National Union.

The vote was taken after a Union leader declared that the Government seizure "will not be in our favour but in favour of the packers." —Associated Press.

GERMAN STEEL

Berlin, Jan. 24. The Allied Control Council is divided as to how much steel Germany will be able to produce in future, it was reported today.

An American official said the United States, Russia and France want to see production at 6,800,000 tons yearly, while England favoured 7,500,000 tons yearly. He said the British plan would mean a higher standard of living for Germany. —Associated Press.

HESS CASE

Nuremberg, Jan. 25. The International Military Tribunal here ordered a further postponement of the case against Rudolf Hess and Wilhelm Fritzsche on the plea that they had not yet been shown to be guilty of the war crimes for which they were being tried. —Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

A contract of four hearts, would have been much easier with the North-South cards, but the bidding which got them to five clubs cannot really be criticised. At the actual five-club contract, furthermore, South had to employ a precaution which would have been necessary at four hearts:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

S. A. H. A. K. 8 7 6 3
D. K. Q. 4
C. Q. J. 8

S. K. 9 8 5
H. J. 4 2
D. J. 9 8 2
C. 7 5

S. Q. 7 3
H. Q. 10 9 4
D. A. 10 6
C. 9 6 4

S. J. 10 6
H. 5 2
D. 7 5 3
C. A. K. 10 3 2

The bidding:

North East South West
1H. Pass 2C. Pass
3H. Pass 3NT. Pass
4C. Pass 5C. Pass

West opened the deuce of diamonds. East taking dummy's Queen with his Ace. A diamond return knocked out dummy's King, and the rest was then up to Declarer.

Obviously he had to plan the establishment of dummy's hearts; and, just as obviously, they would present no difficulties if the outstanding hearts split 3-2. But how to take care of a possible 4-1 heart split?

The solution was to draw only the Queen, and Ace of trumps, leaving one trump still out and the Jack of trumps in the dummy. Then the hearts were begun, dummy cashing the Ace and King.

This plan was perfectly safe if the hearts split 3-2, since both opponents would have to follow; and with the actual split, South's only chance was to find the outstanding trump together with the long hearts.

When West discarded on the second heart, South ruffed a third round of hearts and got back to dummy by leading a trump to the Jack—which had been left there for just that purpose. Another heart ruff established the suit, and the spade Ace was the final entry to two established heart tricks.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

S. — A Q 6 3
H. — 8
D. — A J 7 5 4
C. — K 10 2

The bidding:

Jacoby You Maier Burnstone
1H. Dbl. LNT 2S
Pass (7)

Answer: Bid three spades. Your partner's free bid shows strength, and since his suit is a major and fits your hand there should be a chance for game.

Score 100 per cent for three spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold the same hand. But the bidding is:

Schenken You Maier Jacoby
1H. Dbl. 1S. Dbl.
Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer Tomorrow).

TEACHERS' DEMANDS

Tokyo, Jan. 24. The National Council of All Japan Teachers' Union has handed the Education Minister a seven-point demand for improved conditions including a 500 per cent increase in food and residence allowances, the "Yomiuri Hochi" reported today.

The Council claiming representation of the majority of the nation's teachers, also demanded the expulsion of so-called "war criminals" from the profession. —Associated Press.

MARGINS DOUBLED

New York, Jan. 24. Margin requirements were doubled from five to ten dollars per 500-pound bale, the President of the New York Cotton Exchange announced yesterday. —Associated Press.

Effective on Jan. 24, the above follows closely the Federal Reserve Board's 100 per cent margin requirement.

The decision for the margin increase was announced after cotton prices had risen sharply. —Associated Press.

NOTICE

The Far Eastern Shipping Agencies wishes it known that it will not be responsible for any debts incurred by personnel of the vessels under its care unless the accounts are signed by the signature of the Master of the vessel concerned.

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General Administration Branch

NOTICE

In connection with Proclamation No. 19 dealing with Motor Transport issued on 12th January 1946 the undermentioned information is published in order that persons concerned may be aware of the correct procedure.

The Competent Authority for the Colony is Colonel C.B.H. Delamain, O.B.E., M.C., Deputy Chief Civil Affairs (Motor).

Applications and correspondence concerning motor vehicles in Hong Kong should be addressed to S.O. Land Transport, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road.

Applications and correspondence concerning motor vehicles in Kowloon and the New Territories should be addressed to S.O. Land Transport, Room 106, Peninsula Hotel.

All claims to ownership of Motor Vehicles should be made to the Custodian of Enemy Property, Wharfedale Building (4th Floor).

G. B. DELAMAIN,

Colonel,

D.C.C.A.O. (Military).

19th January 1946

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jewels, well-sixed dress gowns,
pyjamas, etc. at Mode Elite, 22
Queen's Road, C.

GREGG Shorthand Classes will
commence on 4th February, 8 h in
Nanyang Commercial Academy Day
School and Nanyang branch Evening
School in Wanchai respectively.
Registration now started. 8, Queen's
Road-Central, 2nd-floor.

FOR SALE

PROPERTIES FOR SALE. Nos.
17, 19, 22 and 23 Broadway Road.
Offers to be addressed to P.O. Box
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HIGH class "Parker" and
"Sheffer" fountainpens, "Ronsom"
lighter, cigarette case, watch, curio
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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that
sealed tender in TRIPLICATE
which should be clearly marked
"Tender for Erection of Railway
Wagons" will be received at the
offices of the Kowloon-Canton
Railway, British Section, until
noon of Wednesday, 6th February
1946.

The wagons which be required
to be assembled on railway
tracks at Hung Hom consist of
the following types:

- 40 40 ton covered wagons
- 30 40 ton low gondolas
- 100 20 ton high gondolas
- 50 20 ton flat wagons
- 160 20 ton covered wagons.

Full particulars may be
obtained on application to the
Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon
Canton Railway Workshops,
Hung Hom on the deposit of a
fee of \$1,000 with the Account-
ant of the Railway at the offices
of the Kowloon-Canton Railway,
which will be refunded on the
submission of a bona fide tender.
The deposit receipt must be
attached to the tender. The
successful tender will be required
to sign formal contract and give
security in the sum of \$5,000
in cash to be deposited with the
Accountant of the Railway for the
faithful performance of the
terms of such contract.

The Board does not bind
itself to accept the lowest or
any tender.

I. B. TREVOR,
Lt. Col.

Chairman, Railway Tender Board.
Hong Kong, 26th January, 1946.

KOWLOON VICTORY SKATING RINK
GRAND OPENING

27th JANUARY, 1946, SUNDAY, NOON
Performance of Figure Skating and Speed Skating

221, Nathan Road (Near Austin Road)

160-162 (Tel. 5177)

Unbeaten Teams Meet
At Soccer To-Day

A RECORD CROWD IS EXPECTED AT CAUSEWAY
DAY—THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THE TWO UN-
BEATEN TEAMS, 41 R. M. COMMANDOS AND
SOUTH CHINA MEET IN THE REHABILITATION
FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

THE COMMANDOS HAVE NOT BEEN SERIOUSLY
TESTED IN THE LEAGUE SO FAR AND HAVE
WON ALL THEIR GAMES WITH COMPARATIVE
EASE.

In spite of losing several play-
ers Commandos did well last
week and it appears that they
have found some good players.
The defence with Headon, John-
son, Jack, Waite and Mac-
Namara is very sound and much
will depend on their forward
line.

South China is depending on
the same side which beat Royal
Navy last week. Lee Wai-tong
will lead the attack but it is un-
certain whether Lau Chung-sung
or Tang Yee-kit will be on the
left wing.

Civilians are bearing in mind
the thrashing given to their "B"
team by Eastern last week and
are fielding a strong side. Luck
will again be in goal while the
attack has been strengthened
by the inclusion of a newcomer
in Watson. Should Hussain be
available the defence will do
well.

CAVE OUT OF GAME

Royal Engineers have lost the
services of Cave their goal-
keeper who will not be playing
further for them. In the at-
tack several changes have been
made. Moran will be seen on
the right wing and Campbell
will probably be the left winger.
The two Navy teams should
win comfortably providing the
same teams are available.

HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent
"Thunderbolts" in a friendly
hockey match against Commandos
to-day at 3.30 p.m. at Murray
Parade ground.

Man Singh; R. Samy and
Grewal; E. Yusuf, M. H. Hasan
(Capt.) and Abbas; M. Smay,
Wahab, M. Yusuf, Mahan, Ebra-
him, Pritim and Jangee.

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Intervene

How the alertness of two mem-
bers of the H.K.V.D.C. led to the
arrest of two would-be burglars
in Prince Edward Road, was re-
lated before Mr. Latimer yester-
day.

Col. Cruz, who was sitting on
the verandah of 247 Prince Ed-
ward Road at 1 a.m. on Jan. 24,
noticed two men entering the
house next door. Their actions
aroused his suspicions and he
spotted a burglar. Sergeant An-
derson, also of the H.K.V.D.C.,

They raised the alarm and the
intruders of No. 249, Messrs. Pak
and van Houten, found a Chinese
in their back garden.

The man pleaded guilty, say-
ing he intended to steal. A
second Chinese, who was caught
leaving the premises, claimed he
was only a passer-by. He was
sentenced to three months hard
labour. The first defendant was
sentenced to six weeks hard la-
bour.

Inspector Dingsdale prosecuted.

SOCCER TO-DAY

The following is the soccer pro-
gramme for this week-end:

TO-DAY

44-R.M. Cde. v. South China
(Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—C.P.O. J. Rogers.

Linesmen:—Lt. L. G. Young
and F. Roberts.

R. Engineers v. R.A.F.
(Chatham Road, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. K. K. Ip.

Linesmen:—Mr. N. T. Dolgado
and Mr. A. Adenhead.

Civilians "B" v. Navy "B"
(Sookunpoo, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. F. A. Barretto.

Linesmen:—L/S. D. Sparrow
and Mr. See Po Wal.

TO-MORROW

Kwong Wah v. Navy "A"
(Recruit ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—L.A.C. J. Anderson.

Linesmen:—Spr. Thorne and
Spr. D. Cherrill.

Eastern A.A. v. Civilians "A"
(Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. A. McCorkindale.

Linesmen:—Mr. F. A. Barretto
and Mr. J. A. Tibble.

The Civilians teams for the
week-end will be chosen from the
following:—

A' v. Eastern:—Leck; Hussain,
D. Alves; A. Colacao, Beltrao,
Archibald; M. Xavier, R. Rocha,
P. Jorge, B. Gomo, C. Santos.

Watson and J. Gomo, C. Santos.
B' v. Navy "B":—Clifton,
Aquino, J. Castilho, T. Castilho,
T. Knight, A. Leonard, H.
Mathias, G. Marshall, J. Pereira,
V. Ribeiro, J. Brown, J. A. Soares
and J. Rosa-Pereira.

H.K.R.N.V.R. THANKS

Orders by Lt.-Col. E. J. R.
Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., Command-
ing H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 12:—

COMPLIMENTARILY

The Commanding Officer has
much pleasure in publishing the
appended letter dated Jan. 25,

1946, from C.O. H.K.R.N.V.R.
"On behalf of all H.K.R.N.V.R.
personnel, I wish to express my
gratitude for the splendid co-
operation and the up-lifting efforts
of the H.K.V.D.C. to the
H.K.R.N.V.R. since the release
from P.O.W. and Internment
Camps."

"The advice and information
afforded to us have been most
valuable and highly appreciated.
I wish especially to refer to the
manner in which you have helped
us with the distribution of rations
and I can truthfully say that
without that help, we should have
found things most difficult.
"From us all, many thanks
and we wish the H.K.
V.D.C. every success for the
future."

(Sgd.) S. J. SWETLAND,
Lieut. Command-
ing H.K.R.N.V.R."

GREEK MEETING ON
OCCUPATION FORCE

Athens, Jan. 25.

Themistocles Sophoulis, the
Greek Prime Minister, to-day
agreed to the suggestion by
Georgios Papandreu, former
premier, that an inter-party for-
eign affairs commission be con-
voked to discuss the presence of
Allied troops in Greece.

The Greek confederation of
labour, which has a Communist
majority to-day issued a state-
ment supporting the Commu-
nist Party's demand for the with-
drawal of British forces and ac-
cusing the British Authorities
of favouring "Fascist" move-
ments in Greece.—Reuter.

FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
CONTENTERS

London, Jan. 25.

The Canadian Army cham-
pion, Danny Webb, has appeal-
ed for inclusion as a possible
opponent for the world feather-
weight champion Willie Pep, who
will shortly arrive in Britain
from the United States.

The three boxers already men-
tioned as providing Pep's likely
opponents are the British and
Empire feather-weight cham-
pion, Neil Tristram, Al Phillips,
who fought Tristram to a close
decision for the championship,
and Tom Smith, who holds a de-
cision over Tristram.—Reuter.

CHAMPIONSHIP, Jan. 25.

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More Airways
To Hongkong

Mr. Chan Chouk-lam, General
Manager of the China Aviation
Transportation Corporation, ar-
rived in the Colony by plane from
Chungking yesterday.

The C.A.T.C., formerly the
Europe Aviation Corps, operated
an air service in China, and Mr.
Chan's visit is said to be con-
nected with negotiations with the
Hong Kong Government for allow-
ing the Corporation to extend its
services to the Colony.

The Corporation recently ac-
quired a fleet of ten or more
DC-47 planes which were flown
from India to Chungking, and
plan to make further purchases
from the United States, for the
extension of their inter-city air
services in China.

ELGAR CONCERTO

To-morrow's Concert of gram-
ophone music at the Catholic Cen-
tre will include on the programme
the Violin Concerto by Sir Ed-
ward Elgar, and operatic and
classical extracts. Yehudi Menu-
hin, Caruso, Pablo Casals and a
Russian Choir are among those
who contribute items. An an-
notated programme is available.
The hour of the concert is 8.30
p.m.

Owner-Tenant Lacks
Legal Standing

A LANDLORD HAS NO RIGHT TO RECLAIM POSSES-
SION OF PREMISES FROM AN ACCEPTED TEN-
ANT MERELY ON THE GROUND THAT HE
NEEDS THEM FOR HIS PERSONAL USE, AND,
THEREFORE, CANNOT CLAIM PROTECTION
FROM THE PROCLAMATION.

THIS POINT WAS THRASHED OUT AT THE TEN-
ANCY TRIBUNAL SITTING AT THE SUPREME
COURT BUILDING YESTERDAY WHEN MR.
EVARISTO MAURICIO APPLIED FOR AN EVIC-
TION ORDER AGAINST HO CHACK, TENANT OF
NO. 19 CAINE ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, ON THE
GROUND THAT THE PREMISES WERE NEEDED
FOR HIS OWN USE.

Members of the Tribunal
were Messrs. George She, Li
Tung and Tung Chung-wai. Mr.
Y. K. Kan represented the ap-
plicant.

Miss E. Agabek, appearing on
behalf of applicant, said that the
applicant wished to have the
premises back for his family. The
house that witness and other
members of the family at present
were occupying at No. 23, Mosque
Street was too small and too far
away from their work.

The landlord witness said, was
79 years old and it would be a
great help to him if his family
could live next to him. He oc-
cupied No. 17, Caine Road.

She added that the applicant
had paid rents regularly since the
house was let to him on December
14, 1942. Rents have been also
received since the liberation at
\$75 per month.

The chairman of the Tribunal
told applicant that the Tribunal
only had powers to evict under
five heads in the Proclamation and
the facts so far disclosed did not
place opponent within any of
those heads.

NO PROTECTION
Opponent, he pointed out, was
voluntarily accepted as a tenant
and did not enter into occupation
forcibly. Applicant had no protec-
tion so far as the Tribunal was
concerned and therefore the applica-
tion must be dismissed.

Miss Agabek said that surely a
landlord could choose to live in
any house belonging to him.

Mr. She said that matter was
outside the jurisdiction of the
Tribunal. He told her that the
Tribunal's sympathies were with
her but it was bound by the Pro-
clamation.

Miss Agabek then suggested
that she was prepared to "swap"
houses with opponent.

The chairman pointed out that
this also was outside the jurisdic-
tion of the Tribunal. Applicant,
however, he said, could make pri-
vate arrangements if she liked
with opponent.

ORDER GRANTED
Before the Tribunal comprising
Messrs. W. N. Thomas, Tan
Kwok Lam and J. N. Chan, an
application for eviction was suc-
cessfully filed by Tsang Wah-lai,
the owner of No. 81, Wyndham
Street, first floor, against the
tenant, Wong Ming-chung.

Mr. J. S. Ford represented the
applicant, and the premises were
formerly let to one Chan Choi.
The opponent, he believed, was
staying at No. 81A, Wyndham
Street, second floor. Opponent
told witness he wished to take
over No. 81 for himself and re-
siding there. Opponent then told
witness that he had a wife and
children and he was in need of
space for his family. Again ap-
plicant refused to evict.

Some time later the applicant
suggested that the premises be
let to opponent on a long lease.
This suggestion was also refused.

The Tribunal then considered
the application for eviction and
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CURRENCY EXPORT Official Prohibition Emphasised

Cops' Bible

Tokyo, Jan. 25. The Home Ministry is thinking of compiling a new text-book for policemen to help fit them into the new order in Japan, the Kyodo news agency reported today.

Authorities are studying the methods of the London and New York police in planning the new manual.—Associated Press.

Shipping The Demobs From India

London, Jan. 25. Sufficient shipping has been, and is being, provided to bring all men serving in India, who are due for release, to this country in time for release within the periods laid down for their respective groups.

This statement was made in the House of Commons today by the Financial Secretary to the War Office, Mr. F. Hollinger. He was asked by the Labourite, Sir Charles Edwards, if he would take steps to secure more shipping to speed up the demobilisation and ease the dissatisfaction of men in India, some of whom had served six years in the army.

Mr. Hollinger added: "To the best of my knowledge there is no widespread dissatisfaction with the position as Sir Charles Edwards suggests."

He said that the following ships bringing troops to the United Kingdom are expected to leave India during January: Capetown Castle, Empress of Australia, Strathmore and Reina del Pacifico. In addition, part of the Strathmore and of the Moctan would be allotted to troops.

During the first ten days of February a further four ships are expected to leave Bombay.—Reuter.

Polish Version Of Political Crimes

LONDON, JAN. 25. THE POLISH VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER, ZYGMUNT MODZELEWSKI, YESTERDAY BLAMED THE POLITICAL CRIMES COMMITTED IN POLAND ON GANGS OF TERRORISTS WHICH, HE SAID, WERE ORGANISED AND FINANCED BY COMMANDERS OF THE POLISH ARMY ABROAD.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, HE REFUTED THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ERNEST BEVIN'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE SECURITY POLICE OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CRIMES.

Double Birthday Celebration

Tokyo, Jan. 25. General MacArthur will observe his 66th birthday tomorrow with his "work as usual" programme but will have with him Gen. Walter Krueger who observes his 66th birthday on the same date.

MacArthur appears just as vigorous and alert now as he did when he came out from the Philippines in 1942 after his 62nd birthday.

The General's last five birthdays have been at the same time as important as the events of American military fortunes in the Pacific. In 1942 he was in Corregidor when the American military might was at a low ebb; in 1943, in the South-West Pacific, where a comeback campaign had brought victories over the Japanese at Buna, Sananda; in 1944 he had just driven the Japanese out of Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

In 1945 back on Luzon, in the Philippines, and in 1946 he is now Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan.

His staff officers will follow usual custom in paying their respects and Krueger whose 6th Army has been deactivated will arrive from Kyoto to be with MacArthur.

Krueger, as 6th Army Commander, was MacArthur's top field commander from New Guinea to Japan.—Associated Press.

Kai Tak Incident Sequel

CHAN YAM-LEUNG, 25, MANAGER OF THE TAI YUEN FIRM, NO. 84, JERVOIS STREET, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. A. EL ARCULLI AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, WITH ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT U.S.\$9,000 THROUGH CHAN HOK-LUEN AT THE KAI TAK AERODROME ON JANUARY 13, AND, SECONDLY, WITH HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION AND BEING ENTITLED TO SELL U.S.\$9,000 FAILED TO OFFER THE SAME FOR SALE TO THE PROPER PERSON DESIGNATED, NAMELY THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Accused pleaded guilty saying that he came to the Colony from Macao about two months ago, and did not know that it was prohibited to export foreign currency.

Lieut. P. G. Nigel, who prosecuted, said that on January 13, at 7.30 a.m. Mr. Taylor, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, with a party which included C.P.O. Ward, attended at Kai Tak Aerodrome, just prior to the departure of the C.N.A.C. plane. Intending passengers were interrogated as to whether they had any currency. One Chinese male, whose name subsequently was discovered to be Chan Hok Luen, admitted having American currency and produced, when asked to do so, four packets from his purse amounting in all to nine thousand dollars in notes.

He stated that he came from No. 84, Jervois Street, the Tai Tung Co. and that he was taking the money to Shanghai to purchase goods. Mr. Taylor explained that the export was illegal and that the money must not be taken out of the Colony. The notes were taken into custody by Mr. Taylor and a receipt for the same was issued by him.

AGAINST OWNER
"The present proceedings," continued Lieut. Nigel, "were instituted against the accused Manager of the Tai Tung firm, 84, Jervois Street, who gave the notes in question to Chan Hok Luen with instructions to carry them by plane to Shanghai."

"It appears not to be fully appreciated by the mass of the population here that, although hostilities have ceased, economic conditions still require that the Defence Finance Regulations of 1940 should still remain in full force. As, from time to time, it appears possible, in the interests of the Colony's finances, the stringency of the requirements in respect of currency imposed by these Regulations is being relaxed. As was done by the Exchange Control Direction of December 5, 1945, published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette of the 8th of December. This relaxation did not abrogate the offence now charged; but is quoted as an example of the Administration's endeavours to reduce the restrictions as far as is consistent with the well-being of the Colony."

In the meantime the necessity for the regulations still continues and the Administration wishes to take this opportunity of again drawing the attention of the business community in Hong Kong to the fact that these regulations exist and will be enforced.

FINANCE REGULATIONS
Not only is the export of currency prohibited by the regulations under which the present first charge is brought but also United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Philippine pesos must, under Regulation 5 of the Defence Finance Regulations, be offered to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for sale. This sum of U.S.\$9,000 was not so offered and it is in connection with such failure to offer them that the second charge arises.

The accused will plead that what he did was in ignorance of the regulations. The Defence Finance Regulations were in force as far back as 1940 and have, from time to time, been given considerable publicity through the Press, the Government Gazette and proceedings in these Courts. Ignorance of the law is no defence. These regulations are for the Colony's own benefit and to maintain the Colony's finances. Breach of them is a very grave threat to the welfare of the community. While not asking for a heavy fine, I do say that an effective penalty should be imposed having regard to the large amount involved to bring home to the accused and others that these regulations are there to be observed and not flouted and openly flouted, as has often unfortunately been the case in the past.

SECOND CHARGE
On the second charge, Lieut. Nigel said that the notes should have been offered to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and if accused was prepared to agree to an order being made now that they be offered for sale in which case accused would, of course, receive the appropriate purchase price—he was prepared, with permission of the Court, to withdraw the second charge and rely on the first charge only.

Accused agreed and asked for leniency, as he would suffer a loss in selling the currency at the official rate against the black market rate.

A fine of \$500 was imposed.

SEIZURE OF MONEY
He said that evidence that the terrorists were supported from abroad lay in the seizure of \$400,000 in United States currency from one gang alone. He said that this did not mean that the money came from America since dollars are an international currency now.

He acknowledged that many political crimes had been committed up to three months ago, disclosing that 900 members of his Polish Workers Party and 250 members of the Polish Socialist Party had been murdered.—Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 25. One person was killed and several injured when a mob attacked a train carrying political opponents of Colonel Juan Peron who is the Labour Party's candidate for the Presidency of Argentina.—Associated Press.

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Gallup Poll For China Urged

Chungking, Jan. 25. A Gallup Poll and general election was suggested for China at a meeting of the All-Party Political Consultative Conference when the heated debate was resumed on the validity of the 1,000 10-year old delegates to adopt the Constitution in the National Assembly on May 5.

Dr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Organization, used the extension of the British Parliament as an argument in the Government case that the old delegates be retained.

The Communist delegate, Mr. Chen En-lai, was against the retention of the old delegates, "but reluctant to jeopardize the unity of the country on this particular question."

The non-partisan publisher, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, asked the Government to give up the 460 seats to the National Assembly, which are automatically held by the Communist Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.—Reuter.

Struggle For Power

Washington, Jan. 25. President Truman described the current American labour disputes yesterday as a struggle for power between management and labour.

The president added that he felt that the United States Steel Corporation should accept his proposal for a wage increase of 18 1/2 cents an hour for its workers, but declared it would not be practical for the government to seize the steel industry at the present time.—Associated Press.

Van Mook's Hands Tied

The Hague, Jan. 25. Max van Poll, member of the Netherlands Parliament, said today that the acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, Dr. Hubertus van Mook, who was now en route to Batavia with a settlement of the Indonesian problem, is without authority to make any binding commitments on behalf of the Dutch Government.

The results of the talks which van Mook expects to have with Indonesian Nationalist leaders must be submitted to the Netherlands Parliament for approval, van Poll declared.

Van Poll declined to comment on the Russian move to have the Indonesian problem brought before the U.N.O. He said the question concerns only the Netherlands—a fact which he said has been already recognised by Britain and the United States.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN STRIKE SITUATION WORSENS

NEW YORK, JAN. 25. A CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVES OF STRIKE-BOUND COMPANIES WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS PROPOSED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT BY BENJAMIN FAIRLESS, AS THE STEEL AND GENERAL MOTORS STRIKES REMAINED IN A DEADLOCK AND THE WHITE HOUSE MADE PLANS TO SEIZE THE NATION'S MEAT-PACKING PLANTS ON SATURDAY.

O.B.E. FOR U.S. CAPTAIN

THE UNITED STATES SOUTH CHINA FLEET COMMAND HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT CAPT. ROBERT S. QUACKENBUSH, JR., COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE U.S.S. TANGIER, NOW IN HONG KONG HARBOUR, HAS WON THE DISTINCTION OF BEING AWARDED THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

He has been ordered to return to the United States on a new assignment and will be presented with the O.B.E. at the British Embassy on February 12.

Capt. R. F. Kauffman has arrived in Hong Kong to succeed the commanding officer of the Tangier, a seaplane tender, which has been here since early December.

Fellow officers assumed that the King accorded him the honour of the O.B.E. for his work as director of United States naval photography. Recognized as an outstanding expert, he was in charge of all U.S. Navy photography during the Normandy invasion. He also directed the making of naval training films on a large scale.

He has been in the Pacific for the past six months.

Captain Quackenbush graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1927.—Associated Press.

American V.C. For Chaplain

Washington, Jan. 25. The 40-year-old Chaplain, Commander Joseph T. O'Callaghan, who played a heroic part aboard the carrier "Franklin", received the Congressional Medal of Honour yesterday from President Truman.

Another Medal of Honour went to Lieut. Donald Gray who saved many shipmates on board the same ship.

A third Medal of Honour went to Army Sergeant John R. McKinney who killed 50 out of 100 Japanese charging against McKinney and 12 fellow American soldiers at May 11 on Luzon.

The Japanese bombed the "Franklin" last March 19 within 60 miles of the Japanese coast.—Associated Press.

Batavia, Jan. 25. British troops and tanks yesterday dispersed a concentration of Indonesian nationalists, south-west of Sourabaya naval base, according to British headquarters.—Associated Press.

Nearly 100 Ships For Atom Bomb Experiment

WASHINGTON, JAN. 25. THE UNITED STATES NAVY REVEALED TODAY THAT IT INTENDS TO TEST ATOMIC BOMBS ON AN ARMADA OF "GUINEA PIG" NAVAL VESSELS THIS SPRING.

VICE-ADMIRAL W. H. P. BLANDY TOLD THE SENATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE THAT 97 FIGHTING SHIPS, RANGING FROM BATTLESHIPS TO SUBMARINES AND AN ASSORTMENT OF TRANSPORTS AND SMALL CRAFT WILL BE USED IN A VAST OPERATION BEGINNING IN MAY OFF THE BIKININ ATOLL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

Blandy said that the target fleet would include two aircraft carriers—the Saratoga and the Independence—four battleships—the New York, Arkansas, Nevada and Pennsylvania—two large cruisers—the Pensacola and Salt Lake City—16 destroyers and eight submarines.

The Vice-Admiral added that the German heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen and the Japanese battleship Nagato, plus a Japanese light cruiser, also would be used as part of the target fleet.

The unmanned target ships will be "anchored and placed in a manner which will give effects varying from probable destruction to negligible damage" in each type of vessel.

NOT INTERNATIONAL
Blandy declared that the undertaking "is not a combined or international operation, but rather a scientific experiment by the United States alone."

The first test, scheduled for early in May, calls for detonating an atomic bomb at an altitude of several hundred feet above the target ships. The second test, which has been tentatively set for July 1, will call for the atomic burst at the water's surface.

Deep water tests have been planned also but technical difficulties make it impossible to conduct them this year.

Blandy said it had not been decided whether foreign observers would be allowed to witness the experiment which may signal the revolutionising of sea warfare.

Fifty U.S. Navy ships with 20,000 men will arrange the experiment and record the results.

FAMOUS NAMES
Many of the American ships to be used in the experiment are among the famed navy names of the Pacific war. The Pennsylvania, former Pacific flagship, was knocked out of action in the Pearl Harbour, as was the Nevada, but both returned to action later and played major roles in the defeat of the Japanese southern task force in the critical second battle of the Philippines during the Leyte occupation in October, 1944.

The Saratoga is one of the famed old aircraft carriers of the fleet.

The Prinz Eugen arrived in Boston from Germany on Wednesday. The Nagato was found in Tokyo bay, defenseless but still intact.—Associated Press.

Bikini Atoll is 170 miles north of Kwajalein and Eniwetok and 2,442 miles from Yokohama. Coral Atoll is 214 miles long consisting of more than a score of tiny islands. The natives number 161.

The Navy announcement of the bomb test said that "adequate measures" would be taken to ensure their safety. Atoll lagoons average about 20 fathoms. The East anchorage near the main island of Bikini is 1,400 yards from the beach.

The Navy also announced that some small craft such as landing ships will be included as targets. The Navy also said that eight instead of five U.S. submarines would be in the target group.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN
WASHES OUT
GREEK DEBT

LONDON, JAN. 25. BRITAIN WILL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF THE 46,000,000 STERLING LOAN TO GREECE MADE IN 1940-41. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ANGLO-GREEK ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS DISCLOSED TO-DAY.

Parliament will be asked in addition to approve a ten million sterling credit to stabilise Greek currency.

This credit, on which no interest is being charged, will be repaid in ten equal instalments from July 1, 1951.

In announcing the terms to Parliament to-day, Mr. Bevin said that a highly qualified mission on financial, economic and industrial matters has been formed under General Clark and Britain was also ready to appoint advisers to work in the Greek Ministry of the Greek Government so desired.

"Democracy cannot be imposed from above but must grow from below," Mr. Bevin said. "It must be firmly based on the people. It cannot flourish unless the common man is assured of a reasonable standard of living."

"I hope that the Greek Government and people will make the best use of this assistance and that the Greek people will co-operate in the great task of Greek reconstruction."

In welcoming the statement on behalf of the Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, said that he shared Mr. Bevin's view.

"There is no country—not one of the Allied countries—whom the British people were more anxious to see restored to happiness and prosperity than their Greek allies.—Reuter.

IRAN AFFRAY
Teheran, Jan. 25. The Teheran Times reported that 50 were killed and 400 wounded in an affray between "revolutionaries" and "loyalist" tribesmen near Yangkand in Khuzestan Province in the Russian occupation zone of Persia.

The tribesmen are still holding out in Yangkand and the paper said "revolutionaries" and "loyalist" tribesmen there have sworn to the Kowloon of the last for Persia.—Reuter.

BRITAIN SHORT OF BRICKS

London, Jan. 25. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works, Mr. Wilson, told the House of Commons today that the supply of certain building material was extremely serious and giving a lot of trouble.

There were menacing signs of a brick shortage in certain districts. There were only one thousand million bricks in stock, equal to seven weeks' supply at the pre-war rates of use and equal to four months at the present rates.

Brick production now was only about one-fifth of its capacity, but the Government was aiming to get brick works into production everywhere. Building material workers had been given release priorities; Class B total had been raised to 21,000 men. Some 4,400 workers had come out of the services by December, while others were on their way home. These, however, were far short of the requirements, and the Ministry was bringing working conditions to the highest level.

On the question of "price rings," Mr. Wilson said that last week a "very tough line" was taken with one ring, which was interfering to some extent with priority building. Measures to secure the control of distribution were in hand.

Mr. Wilson made his statement to reply to a Labour Member, who said that red-tape was, to some extent, strangling the housing programme.—Reuter.

Chatfield Warning

London, Jan. 25. Lord Chatfield, to-day demanded in the House of Lords that Britain maintain a strong armed defense because "war has not been banished from the world" and the United Nations "might not succeed."

Lord Chatfield was Defence Co-ordination Minister in Neville Chamberlain's War Cabinet.

In the House of Commons, meanwhile, a Labour Government bill was introduced in Parliament to repeal Britain's 19-year-old ban on general strikes by trade unions.—Associated Press.

BYRNES LEAVES

U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes left for Washington in President Truman's plane yesterday a few hours after the U.N.O. General Assembly had voted unanimously to set up an Atomic Commission under the Security Council.

As he left Byrnes said the United States favoured the quickest possible public hearings by the Security Council on Greece, Indonesia and the Iran questions.—Associated Press.

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9.05 p.m.—Harry James & His Orchestra and Pat Kirkwood (Soprano).
9.35 p.m.—Concert Waiters.
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